

**OPINION 2055 (Case 3176)*****Ptinus tectus* Boieldieu, 1856 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage of the specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name *Ptinus tectus* Boieldieu, 1856 for a well-known spider beetle (family ANOBIIDAE, subfamily PTININAE) of significant economic importance is to be treated as the specific name of a then new nominal species. Boieldieu proposed the name *P. tectus* as a replacement name for the junior primary homonym *Ptinus pilosus* White, 1846 (a dorcatomine anobiid from New Zealand) with which he had misidentified his new taxon.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; ANOBIIDAE; PTININAE; DORCATOMINAE; *Ptinus tectus*; spider beetles.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that *tectus* Boieldieu, 1856, as published in the binomen *Ptinus tectus*, is to be treated as the specific name of a then new nominal species.
- (2) The name *tectus* Boieldieu, 1856, as published in the binomen *Ptinus tectus* and as ruled in (1) above to be treated as the name of a then new nominal species, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3176**

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Ptinus tectus* Boieldieu, 1856 for an economically important spider beetle (ANOBIIDAE, PTININAE) was received from S.E. Thorpe (*Department of Entomology, Auckland Museum, Auckland, New Zealand*) on 22 September 2000. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 24–26. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 25. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2003 the votes were as follows: 24 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Böhme.

**Original reference**

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:  
*tectus*, *Ptinus*, Boieldieu, 1856, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (3)4: 652.